

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 12 and 13 are presently active in this application; Claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 12 having been amended by the present amendment, Claims 3-7, 10 and 11 having been previously canceled.

In the outstanding Official Action Claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 12 were objected to as including informalities requiring correction and Claim 13 was rejected as being of improper dependent form under 37 CFR 1.75(c). Accordingly, Claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 12 have been amended to correct the informalities indicated by the Examiner. The amended claims are not otherwise changed in scope and no new issues are raised.

In response to the objection to Claim 13, Applicants respectfully point out that Claim 13 is not word for word the same as Claim 12, as stated in the outstanding Official Action. At the very least, Claim 13 differs from Claim 12 in the following stated feature:

a local oscillator which divides the band of said plurality of channels into a plurality of sub-bands and outputs a local oscillating output **whose frequency is on the outside of the scope of the band of each sub-band** and whose frequency has been changed at intervals of the band width or more of said sub-band; ... [Emphasis added]

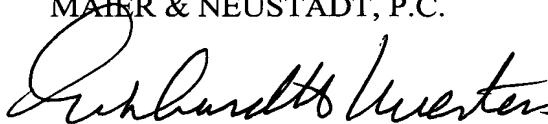
Claim 12 does not recite a local oscillator which divides the band of said plurality of channels into a plurality of sub-bands and outputs a local oscillating output whose frequency is on the outside of the scope of the band of each sub-band. Therefore the outstanding objection to Claim 13 is traversed, and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

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Therefore, since no further issues remain outstanding in this case, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully respected.

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